VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Surgeon-General*): (*a*) Rs. 350 for dieting in 1111; Rs. 350 for dieting in 1112.

(*b*) Rs. 300 for dieting in 1113.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Self-dieting is encouraged.

(*e*) to (*h*) At the time of inspection the Medical Officer used to bring to the notice of the Surgeon-General the necessity for additional funds under dieting, but, for want of funds, he was instructed to encourage self-dieting as far as possible.

(*i*) to (*k*) Yes. The Municipal Council, Alwaye and the Division Peishkar, Kottayam were consulted in the matter. The hospital premises were also inspected by the Dewan. But as it was seen that there would be no danger if the patients were properly isolated and as the Municipal Council, Alwaye, were not prepared to erect a building elsewhere, the matter was dropped.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: പല കൊല്ലങ്ങളിലും അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള സംഖ്യയുടെ വ്യത്യാസം വരാൻ എന്താണുകാരണം?

VAIDYSASTRA KUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: വലിയവ്യത്യാസം ഇല്ല. അൻപതു രൂപായുടെ വ്യത്യാസമേ ഉള്ളു.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: ചിലവിനായി കൂടുതൽ സംഖ്യ ആവശ്യപ്പെടരുതെന്നു ഡാക്ടർന്മാർക്കു വല്ല സർക്കുലറും അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

VAIDYASASTA KUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: അങ്ങനെ ഒരുസർക്കുലർ അയിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. ഓരോ ചിലവുകൾക്കായി അനുവദിച്ചു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ള തുകയിൽ കവിഞ്ഞു ചിലവാക്കാതെ ഉള്ള തുക കൊണ്ടുതന്നെ അവ നടത്തണമെന്നു സർക്കുലർ അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Permanent sheds for buses in Trivandrum.

18. ✻ **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) Whether the construction of permanent sheds at Trivandrum for keeping the buses for use in connection with the Transport Scheme has been given on contract, and, if so, to whom, and the amount of contract thereof; and

(*b*) whether the contractor has submitted any tender and, if so the amount of the tender?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. The contract was given to the Combined Construction Corporation Ltd Trivandrum, for Rs. 96,000.

(*b*) Yes for Rs. 96,000.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know whether there were other tenders?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

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MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know the amounts of those others tenders?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Messrs. Harrisons & Crossfield demanded Rs. 1,19,000, and the General Construction Co., Rs. 1,13,000.

MR. P. K. KUNJU (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): ഈ കമ്പനി തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ രജിസ്റ്റർ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതാണൊ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The General Corporation Ltd., was registered I think, early this year.

Contract for building the body of the buses.

19. ✻ **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the name of the person to whom the contract for the construction of the body of the buses for use in connection with the Transport Scheme has been given;

(*b*) whether the said contractor had submitted any tender for the said work, if so, the amount of the tender;

(*c*) whether tenders for lower amounts had been received, if so, whose tenders they were and the amounts of those tenders; and

(*d*) the place where the bodies are being built by the contractor, whether the material used for them are of this State; and whether the artisans employed by the contractor for constructing the bodies are of this State?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: (*a*) The contract for building 24 bodies was given to the P. W. D. Workshops and for 36 bodies to Messrs. Byramshaw & Co., as the Superintendent of the Workshops expressed his inability to finish the whole work within the time specified.

(*b*) Yes. Rs. 1600 per body.

(*c*) Yes. One tender was received for a lower amount from Messrs. The Manico Industrials, Quilon. Their estimate was Rs. 1100 per body subject to an advance by Government of 50 per cent. cash with order. This firm had no workshop but only a small shed and has had no experience of this type of work.

(*d*) At Trivandrum; wherever possible the materials used are Travancore products excepting sheet metal and glass. Apart from a few skilled men from Madras, local labour has been engaged.

Salaries and allowances of officers.

20. ✻ **MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state what percentage of the ordinary revenue of the State was spent in 1112 on account of their officers for pay or salaries and allowances including travelling allowances?

MR. K. J. CHERIYAN (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): 38·9 per cent.

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